

REMARKS

In the specification, a paragraph was added to claim priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/020667, filed June 25, 2004, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/486,474, filed July 11, 2003.

In the claims, Claims 1-12 were amended. In particular, the claims were amended to remove any multiple dependencies and conform to U.S. practice. Claims 1-13 are pending.

No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance in the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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